

a 5-year balanced budget plan. He never followed through. Later he said we could balance the budget in 10 years, and then 9 years and then 7 years. Of the two budgets he did introduce to Congress this year, neither of them brings the deficit down at all. In fact in 2005 under President Clinton's budget, the deficit will be over \$200 billion.

Mr. Speaker, this whole budget show-down really goes to the issue of credibility. Does anybody really doubt what would happen if the other side were still in charge? Is there any doubt they would raise our taxes, make government bigger, deficits worse and that they will do it all in the name of compassion? I do not think so.

Mr. Speaker, I challenge the President to break with the past and keep at least one of the promises he made as a candidate. Come to the table, Mr. President. Help us balance this budget.

NOT THIS TURKEY ON THANKSGIVING

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, Speaker GINGRICH is bringing his budget to serve to America's families at their Thanksgiving table. The Gingrich budget stands family values as we know them on their head. It means if this passes that the wealthiest families at your Thanksgiving table will get more, the working families at your Thanksgiving table will pay more. The poor will have great trouble. They will never get to the table. The elderly will have great trouble with health care. The young will not be able to get their lunches as easily and the students will not be able to get their loans as easily.

This is not about how long it takes to balance the budget. This is who you stick your fork in as you balance the budget. The only thing standing between Speaker GINGRICH's values and America's values is the President. The President must stand firm and say these are not America's traditional values and spare the American family being served this turkey on Thanksgiving.

THE PRESIDENT SHOULD SIGN THIS BILL

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, here is candidate Bill Clinton live on the "Larry King Show" in 1992 and I quote: "I would present a 5-year plan to balance the budget."

Here is what the President said on August 1 of this year and I quote: "I mean, I think that it's wrong to say you're going to do something and not do it."

Mr. Speaker, this week we passed with bipartisan support a plan that

would reopen Government. We had only one stipulation: He had to agree to balance the budget using legitimate numbers in less than 7 years. No specifics, a simple question. Mr. President, do you want to balance the budget?

We want to work with him on this plan to achieve that goal. Unfortunately, the President has said, "No, I don't want to balance the budget."

Mr. President, if you meant what you said, then sign this bill. And, Mr. Morris, if you are really running the country, get the President to sign this bill.

DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, a day late and a dollar short. I wish it were only that big a problem. In fact, our Republican colleagues are about 6 weeks late in getting a budget to President Clinton. We will finally take it up for consideration to go to the President today. They are more than a dollar short. In fact, this week NEWT GINGRICH will be paying out millions of dollars eventually, millions of dollars to Federal workers who have now been off work for 4 days and NEWT GINGRICH will pay them for not working. That is the policy of fiscal responsibility that our Republican colleagues are imposing on America. They say they will have a balanced budget today but for seniors who will pay more and get less for Medicare, there is not much balance in it. For working families who will pay more taxes under this budget and get less, there is not much in it. For students who will pay more and get less education, there is not much in it. And for those who care about the environment and who will just get less in this budget, there is not much in it.

CALL FOR BIPARTISANSHIP IN BUDGET BATTLE

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, the national debt is over \$4.9 trillion. Yesterday Bill Clinton distanced himself from balancing the budget. Is that not sad? We have an almost \$5 trillion debt and the President of the United States does not want to address the problem.

Last night Congress acted in good faith to reopen the parts of Government that are shut down. Many Democrats joined with Republicans to say that we want to end the budget crisis and balance the budget. The President says he will veto our efforts.

Bill Clinton would rather make excuses and play word games with the American people. All the while our national debt piles up and our families suffer the burden of our debt.

Mr. Speaker, the President should end the games and help us balance the budget.

A TWO-HEADED TURKEY

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, the Republican Party are handing the American people a two-headed turkey for Thanksgiving. On the eve of this Thanksgiving, 3,484,947 people are being hurt by this Government shutdown.

I have in my hand a letter to Speaker NEWT GINGRICH which says I join in with my colleagues to keep this Congress working all through the weekend. I am sorry I have not heard from him and he has not heard us. I am here to work.

It seems that intuition is the only basis upon which we have a budget that will hurt Texans all over the map. Forty-one schools in Texas will be closed out of the direct loan program, approximately 57,000 students will lose access to direct loans in Texas. Thirty-three percent of our children under 18 will get absolutely nothing out of the \$245 billion tax cut for the wealthy across this Nation, and \$32 billion will be cut out of the earned income tax for 13 million families earning under \$30,000. They will get absolutely nothing.

I want a real commonsense budget. I voted for a balanced budget, but this Republican budget as presently proposed is nothing but a two-headed turkey for Americans. Who do you think deserves the honor? Who is a turkey here?

COMMITTING OUR TROOPS IN BOSNIA

(Mr. METCALF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, we all want peace in Bosnia, but there is rumor that there is an agreement based on United States troops in Bosnia that has been arrived at. It is beyond belief that the President would agree to an agreement in defiance of a vote of almost three-quarters of the House specifically saying do not base any agreement on United States troops in Bosnia.

We have all learned through sad experience that it is easy to rush in troops, it is extremely difficult to solve the problems when they are there, and it is even more difficult to get out in a timely and an honorable way.

It is the Presidential constitutional responsibility to deploy troops. It is the duty of Congress to either approve or deny funding the troops once they are there. Congress must not fund United States troops in Bosnia until we know exactly what United States interests are threatened and how the troops will protect those interest.

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(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address